

Vandalia Community District #203
1109 N 8th Street
Vandalia, IL 62471
Rich Well – Supt.

Superintendent's Report
1/19/16
5:00 PM

District Website

www.vcs.fayette.k12.il.us or www.vandaliaschools.com

Calendar

- January 29th – No Student Attendance – Parent Teacher Conferences District Wide – 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM
- February 12th – School Improvement – Half Day School attendance for students
- February 15th – No Student Attendance – President's Day

Technology Report

- Over break we made several big changes in our network configuration in order to accommodate the growing number of devices in the district. We are almost done with finishing up the computer to printer changes that occurred with the new subnet created for the Junior High School.
- The bandwidth at the High School is close to being maxed out during two periods throughout the day, but it seems to be handling it at the moment. The wireless network is performing fairly well, with adjustments taking place daily to optimize the performance.
- Last update from "Last Mile Project" - JB Const. – weather permitting they plan to start this week.

Finance Committee

The committee (Hall, Campbell, Meseke, and Well) reviews fund balances and bills. The Finance Committee met on January 19, 2016. The committee meets to review bills, fund balances, state budget shortfall and general financial information.

Policy Committee

The committee (Goldsmith, Lawson, Well, Meseke, Protz, Kern) reviews policy updates from the IASB. The committee meets to review all policy updates (provided by the Illinois Association of School Boards) and makes recommendations to the BOE for adoption.

Building and Grounds Committee

The committee (Palmer, Smith, Well, Kopp, Dave Rickman, Steve Stombaugh, Kern, Dugan, Hobbie, Peppler, Bogart) will meet in March.

Transportation Committee

The committee (Palmer, Lawson, Well, Critcheloe, Mesnard, Krueger) will meet in April.

Student Safety Committee

The Committee (Palmer, Goldsmith, Wasmuth, Jeff Ray, Josh Morrison, Chris Smith, Amy Schaal, Kendra Craig, Steve Stombaugh, Kopp, Critcheloe, Well, Protz, Kern, Mesnard, Casey) will meet in April.

Personnel Committee Meetings

The Committee (Goldsmith, Well, Wasmuth) will meet as needed.

Athletic Committee Meetings

The Committee (Hall, Campbell, Smith, Kern, Protz, Casey and 4 parents TBD) will meet as needed.

School Wellness Committee Meetings

The Committee (Wasmuth, Hall, Well, Lotz, Kelly Curll, Stombaugh, Krueger, Mesnard) will meet as needed.

School Funding Support

<http://action.stand.org/page/s/fix-IL-funding>

Stand For Children – Illinois

Fix Illinois School Funding!

Tell your legislators and the Governor: Fix Illinois School Funding NOW!

Enough is enough! Our kids can't wait any longer for fair school funding.

Illinois is dead last in school funding equity – only in Illinois do low-income students get 20% less funding than their non-low-income peers. By signing this petition, we are urging our elected officials in Springfield to put kids before egos and partisanship. Fix the funding formula NOW!

Building Reports

High School Board Report

Randy Protz- Principal

Greta Krueger – Asst. Principal

- Honor roll for 1st semester: We had 221 total students on the honor roll, 48 students with high honors and 173 students with honors.
- Chrome Book hand out went very smoothly, students and teachers were excited and they are already being used in the classrooms.
- Mrs. Kern will start working with students towards the end of this month signing up for classes next year.
- Life touch will be here Wednesday January 20th to take winter sports pictures and club pictures.
- Vandal Pride (PBIS) will be piloting our tier 2 program this semester.
- Wrestling senior night is Wednesday January 27th.
- Girls Basketball senior night is Thursday February 4th.
- Boys Basketball senior night will be Tuesday February 16th.
- 1st progress report of second semester is Friday January 29th.
- Parent teacher conferences are Friday January 29th.

Junior High Board Report

Brian Kern – Principal

Brian Holliday – Asst. Principal

- Honor Roll-The second quarter honor roll (3.0 GPA) for the junior high had the following numbers by grade level: Fourth Grade: 72, Fifth Grade- 96 students, Sixth Grade- 73 students, Seventh Grade- 66 students, Eighth Grade- 54 students, Overall- 361.
Activities for the Month-
- 4th Grade Conservation Day – 1/15/16 – Students received information from the Fayette County Conservation Department
- Seventh Grade Boys Basketball- will be finishing up their regular season this week and begin regional tournament play on January 23rd or 26th in Staunton.
- Eighth Grade Boys Basketball- VJHS will host an eighth grade tournament on January 25, 26, and 28. The eighth grade team will then begin play in the regional tournament on 1/30 or Feb. 1 in Greenville.
- Girls Volleyball- Home dates for game are as follows: 1/19, 22, February 8, 9, 11, 16. VJHS will host an eighth grade volleyball tournament on February 6.
- Band/Chorus Participants- are getting ready for solo and ensemble competitions in March.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences, Friday 1/29
- PARCC Preparations- For the next two months we will begin preparing for the upcoming PARCC tests. This year the test will be given during the weeks of April 11 through the 26.

Elementary Board Report

Stacy Mesnard – Principal

Larry Emerick – Asst. Principal/VCUSD #203 Special Education Director

- The special education and reading teachers have spent the two weeks since coming back from Christmas vacation doing individualized testing on all VES students in order to determine their mid-year progress.
- All of the VES teachers are participating in the Mid-Year Data Review conference with me during the month of January. This is a time for the teachers and me to reflect on the progress that they have made thus far with their yearly professional growth goals.
- Upcoming events at VES include a Pre-K Family Night on Jan. 21 with a penguin theme, the PBIS January reward Marshmallow Fight, and the PTO Trivia Night on Feb. 6.

OKAW Area Vocational Center Board Report

Nick Casey – Director

- Dual Credit registration has taken place with Kaskaskia College for all classes.
- Tours are taking place and registration will begin soon.
- All programs, except Health Occupations, have access and are taking online, program specific tests. Students taking and scoring well will be able to receive an Industry Standard certificate.
- Building Trades students are in the interior portion of the house.

“Home of the Vandals”

The Mission of the Vandalia Community School District: “To prepare the students of our community for their future so they may become responsible members of society.”